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SUBJECT: US TARIFF CUTTING OFFER TO PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) STATE 033133, (B) MANILA 2467

1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING ANALYSIS MENTIONED PARA 3, REFTEL, AND HOPE THAT IT WILL ADDRESS PHILIPPINE SITUATION DIRECTLY RATHER THAN COMMENTING ON MTN IN REGIONAL OR WORLD-WIDE TERMS.

2. NEGOTIATIONS ON COCONUT OIL AND PLYWOOD ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US BECAUSE THESE TARIFFS ARE VERY LONG-STANDING, EMOTIONAL ISSUES WHICH, FOR FILIPINOS, RECALL US-PHILIPPINE TRADE PATTERNS OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE AND LAUREL-LANGLEY DAYS. U.S. TARIFF TREATMENT OF THESE ITEMS HAD REPEATEDLY AND WILL AGAIN, RECEIVE CLOSE ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOP. THUS, WE APPRECIATE OUTLINE OF U.S. POSITION ON THESE TWO PRODUCTS CONTAINED PARA 1, REFTEL.

3. WE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE BEING FORWARDED THAT THE ONE CENT PER POUND DUTY ON COCONUT OIL CANNOT BE RE-

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DUCED TO ZERO BECAUSE AD VALORUM EQUIVALENT (AVE) OF 1 CENT/LB IS 5.8 PERCENT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EXPLANATION OF FORMULA USED TO CALCULATE AVE OF 5.8 PERCENT. PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH "TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE, ACTION RECORD, DOCUMENT 76-2 OF JANUARY 16, 1976", LIST RATE OF DUTY OF COCONUT OIL (176.04) AS 2.4 PERCENT. EMBASSY DOES NOT KEEP COMPLETE RECORDS OF

COCONUT OIL PRICES, BUT OUR INITIAL SURVEY SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT PRICES OVER RECENT YEAR HAVE BEEN HIGH ENOUGH TO BRING 1 CENT/LB DUTY BELOW 5 PERCENT AVE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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